on the increase due to the inefficient enforcement agencies;

(b) whether some corrective steps are likely to be taken to gear-up these agencies; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) There has been incidence of poaching of animals. However, it is not a fact that killing of several protected and endangered species in the country is on the increase.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken to control poaching and to gear-up the enforcement agencies:

(i) A new centrally sponsored scheme has been recently approved entitled "Assistance for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife having inter-state and international implication".

(ii) Wildlife Division in the Ministry of Environment is being strengthened, mainly for enforcement of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.

(iii) For conservation of Rhinos in Assam, a new scheme has been formulated with an outlay of Rs. 5.00 crores.

(iv) Amendment has made in the Wild Life (Protection Act, 1972 which bans trade in animals considered to be endangered and products derived therefrom.

(v) Coordination and liaison with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Armed Forces, Customs, Coast Guards is being increased for better enforcement of the wild life (Protection) Act.

(vi) Financial Assistance to the national parks, sanctuaries and Tiger Project areas is being enhanc-

Recruitment in Secretariat Security Force

1519. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recent past a number of candidates were selected for the posts of Sepoys in the Secretariat Security Force;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the first two hundred candidates were called to join according to their seniority but thereafter the pick and choose system was adopted in the appointments;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of those candidates who have been denied jobs ignoring their seniority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A panel of 304 candidates was prepared for filling up the posts of Sepoy (Group 'D') in Secretariat Security Force on 21-3-84.

(c) No, Sir. Offers of appointment had gone strictly in order of merit.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Killing of Backward Class People in Kansara (Bihar)

†1520. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 10 persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and a backward community were

†Previously Unstarred Question 1148, transferred from the 1st August, 1986.

brutally murdered in Kansara village of Jehanabad in Bihar on 8th July, 1986, by upper caste landlords;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by the concerned authorities in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Government, Bhumihars of Kansara Village attacked Kahars of the same village and killed 6 women and 2 men on 8-7-1986. This was reportedly in retaliation to the murder of one Vijaykumar Sharma of village Kansara by some unknown persons at Imamganj on 8-7-1986. Two Kahar boys are also missing. The Kahars are not Harijans.

(c) Cases and counter cases have been instituted and various rehabilitation measures have been taken by the State Government.

Freedom-Fighter's Penson under INA Scheme

1521. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons are getting freedom-fighter's pension under the Indian National Army (INA) Scheme;

(b) how many persons from Tehsil —Nurpur, District Kangra, Himachal Pradesh have got the above pension;

(c) the names of persons of Tehsil —Nurpur whose pension cases are lying pending with the Government and also the reasons as why these cases are pending; and

(d) by when Government propose to settle the above-mentioned cases?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) As on 30-6-1986, pension has been granted to 13728 INA personnel under the Freedom-Fighters Pension Scheme, 1972 and Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. District-wise records have not been maintained.

(c) and (d) Target date of 15th August, 1986 has been fixed for disposing of all pending applications received in time except those having some special features and, for this purpose, special efforts are being made and special steps taken.

District-wise details of cases are not maintained.

महाराष्ट्र-कर्नाटक विवाद के बारे में महाजन आयोग द्वारा की गयी सिफारिशें

1522. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महाराष्ट्र-कर्नाटक सीमा विवाद के संबंध में महाजन आयोग द्वारा की गयी सिफारिशों के सम्बन्ध में केन्द्रीय सरकार ने क्या रुख अपनाया है ; और

(ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार इस सीमा विवाद को सुलझाने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) महाजन आयोग की सिफारिशें स्वीकार्यता के आवश्यक मानदण्ड को पूरा नहीं करतीं । आयोग की रिपोर्ट की जांच करने पर, सरकार इस अनन्तिम निर्णय पर पहुंची है कि क्षेत्रों को एक राज्य से दूसरे राज्य को अन्तरित करने के बारे में आयोग की सकारात्मक सिफारिशों को कार्यान्वित करने के अतिरिक्त कुछ व्यवस्था करना आवश्यक होगा ताकि पूरी समस्या को हल किया जा सके ।

(ख) यह विवाद दोनों सम्बन्धित राज्यों के स्वैच्छिक सहयोग से ही निपटाया जा सकता है तथा इस उद्देश्य के लिये केन्द्र सरकार को हर सम्भव सहायता देने में हर्ष होगा ।